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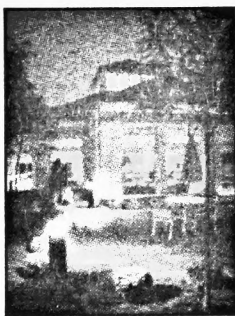
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WORLD REPORT



Second American beheaded in Iraq

According to *The Washington Post*, a Jordanian militant group said Tuesday that it had executed a second American hostage and threatened to kill a British man who was abducted along with the two Americans last week. A statement posted on an Islamic Web site claimed the group murdered Jack Hensley, 48, a civil engineer from Marietta, Ga., and would soon post a video of the slaying on the site. Monday, the same group posted a video of the supposed beheading of Eugene "Jack" Armstrong, 52, a Michigan native. The video appeared on the Internet about one hour after a statement announcing Armstrong's murder.

Water on airlines found unsafe by EPA

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, EPA tests of drinking water on passenger airliners showed that one out of every eight planes flunked the agency's standards for bacteria, officials said Monday. Representatives of the leading airline industry trade group claim no passengers have become ill, but environmentalists say they may have without realizing the cause. The water in 20 of the planes tested positive for total coliform bacteria, a contaminant that indicates disease-causing organisms may be present. The water in two of those aircrafts also tested positive for *E. coli*, a bacterium that can cause acute gastrointestinal problems such as cramps, vomiting and, in extreme cases, death.



On a weekday following chapel, a *GlimmerGlass* staff photographer captured over 30 photos of supposed Olivet dress policy violators. Students wearing short shorts, tank tops and athletic attire were spotted in the Quad walking to and from academic buildings and Ludwig Center.

By the book

Olivet's dress policies spark strong opinions when compared to those of other Christian universities

By Jenny Graves
News editor

Olivet's dress code policies have always been a matter of contention between the university's students and administration. This year is no different, especially when comparing policies with other Christian colleges. Students violate the code daily, allowing the motives behind regulations and the consistency of their enforcement to be called into question.

According to the 2004-2005 University Life Handbook, Olivet "promotes simplicity, modesty, and

propriety of dress and appearance." Under this standard, the following are banned: earrings on males, men's hair that is longer than the bottom of the ear or the top of the collar, tank tops, personal appearance that draws undue attention to one's self, athletic attire in classrooms and shorts worn before 4:30 on weekdays.

According to Dean Walter "Woody" Webb, these regulations do not exist for spiritual reasons, but to create a professional environment that will prepare students for the workforce.

Out of eight regional

Nazarene universities: Trevecca, Southern, MidAmerica, Mount Vernon, Point Loma, Northwest and Eastern, Olivet is the only one that bans earrings on males, or limits their hair length.

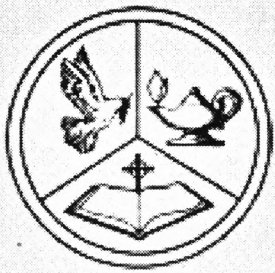
Sophomore Phillip Ayers, who last year alone paid over \$100 in fines for sporting his two earrings and tongue ring, expressed his disdain for the piercing ban.

"An earring is nothing more than a piece of jewelry that is worn to create your image, so who is to say that we are not allowed to create the image that we want for ourselves?" he asked. "For

a school that we pay almost \$25,000 a year to go to, I think they can cut us a little slack in the jewelry department."

Webb said that rules concerning earrings, body rings and hair length for men are longstanding Olivet policies. The staff and administration discuss the policies each year, but Webb said he "would not want to speculate if or when such policies might change."

Not all students, however, find these regulations illegitimate. Bresee RA John Croft said, "When you enter the workforce ... you are See **DRESS POLICY** > PAGE 2



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DRESS POLICY

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supposed to look a certain way. ... I don't think it's out of line for Olivet to have a strict dress code because it prepares you for the workforce and creates a professional academic environment."

Ayers, however, continues to speak out against the policy and wear his jewelry in spite of consequences.

"The administrative staff of Olivet needs to realize that we are not stuck in the 1950s anymore," he said. "In [this] day and age, it is perfectly normal for a guy to have piercings."

Students from other Nazarene schools were surprised to hear of Olivet's policies concerning male appearance. D.J. Glisson, a long-haired Eastern student, said, "Never have I been told [my hair] is any sort of a distraction, or a poor reflection on this institution. In fact the idea has never come to the plate."

In addition, males with earrings and long hair hold leadership roles at other Nazarene schools.

"It's hard to believe that ONU can effectively enforce those kinds of old-fashioned policies," MidAmerica student Josh Jakobitz said. "At MNU, these things are considered normal for most students. There are students in Associated Student Government positions and in PR groups that would apparently be breaking ONU rules, but at MNU, they are the representatives of the student body to the public."

Furthermore, many students have complained about the ban of shorts until 4:30 on weekdays. Students from Trevecca and Mount Vernon have this same regulation. According to Trevecca student Eric Johnson, students from their university complain about the policy as well.

"It is extremely common for people to come to class in PJs, unbathed, etc.," he said. "Our argument is this: Which is worse, showered with shorts or unkempt with sweatpants or PJs?"

Although Olivet students complain about tight rules, some students from schools with more liberal dress codes envy the discipline. Point Loma student Simone Finney said, "Here's my understanding of PLNU's dress code: You can basically wear anything: tank tops, shorts, workout clothes, piercings, tattoos, long hair on guys. We have it all; I've seen it all; all over campus. Many times I'd prefer that I hadn't."

Finney said that since there is not much of a dress

code policy to enforce, she has seen many displays she deems inappropriate.

"There have been times when I wished a more strict policy was enforced. ... I understand that people want to express themselves, but that also needs to be balanced with decorum and cleanliness."

Although students often view Olivet's policy as strict, students of some private Christian universities outside the denomination experience much heavier restrictions. At Cedarville University in Ohio, students are not allowed to wear jeans or t-shirts to class except for five casual days a semester, and until this year, men were banned from wearing flip-flops and girls were not permitted to wear capri pants.

On a daily basis, Olivetians have watched their classmates break dress code without worry or remorse and many have questioned the caliber of rule-enforcement.

Faculty members were sent an email reminder that they are not to enforce rules because it is the responsibility of RDs and RAs. Faculty and staff are free, however, to communicate with the Office of Student Development concerning such issues.

Chapman RA Derek Bowshier felt many RAs are intimidated to confront dress code violators, especially sophomore RAs who are afraid to "write-up" seniors.

"I think the rules are not as enforced as they should be," he said. "I think this year we have done a better job of being more consistent...but I still think...people get away with things more than they should."

Croft agreed saying he feels restricted as an RA and thinks faculty members should also enforce rules because they are seen as having more authority.

Bowshier noted that RAs do not necessarily agree with all areas of the dress code policy but they do believe in enforcing it and abiding by the standards of the university.

Olivetians are not the only ones who feel school rules don't always get enforced. Johnson, the Trevecca student, said, "Our RAs are supposed to care...but for the most part, I don't really think they do much."

Webb, however, feels rules are well enforced at Olivet. "Overall, I believe the resident hall staff does an effective job of holding students accountable," he said. "It's not our desire to assess fines or other consequences, however, it does, at times become necessary."



Hilton Hotels, Inc., a subsidiary of the Beverly Hills, Calif.-based upscale hotel chain, opened the doors of its new Kankakee location on Sept. 19.

Hilton brings new growth to Kankakee

By Megan McMahon

News writer

The Hilton Garden Inn celebrated its grand opening Sept. 19 at the 455 Riverstone Parkway location in Kankakee. The Inn is the first in a series of development plans for the Kankakee area by RiverStone Commercial and Retail Development.

RiverStone Hotel Partners, under a license agreement with Hilton Hotels, Inc., announced the hotel's groundbreaking in Oct. 2003.

"The Hilton Garden Inn concept will be a perfect compliment to the needs of Kankakee County. Not only does it bring the Hilton Garden Inn brand to Kankakee, it provides a unique, affordable and comfortable place to stay for business or leisure travelers when visiting the area," said Tim Dora, a principal with Dora Brothers Hospitality Corporation.

The four-story, 110-room hotel offers 19,000 square feet of space, making the location conducive to events such as business

conferences and receptions. Connie Licon, Vice President of Marketing & Public Relations for RiverStone, expressed excitement about the hotel's proximity to Olivet as a wedding reception option.

"We look forward to offering [Olivet] our facility for receptions," she said. "A first-class university deserves an upscale hotel facility."

Facility rentals run \$1,500 to \$2,500 for the average reception, depending on season and availability. Individual hotel rooms are available to wedding guests at a reduced rate of \$99 per night. Also, the hotel offers its own catering service, ranging from \$16.95 to \$29.95 per plate.

RiverStone owns 72 additional acres surrounding the hotel and has plans to use the space for additional development.

Future construction is expected to begin this fall, including a strip mall and gas station.

The new development plans herald further growth for Kankakee County. Recent proposals for the construction

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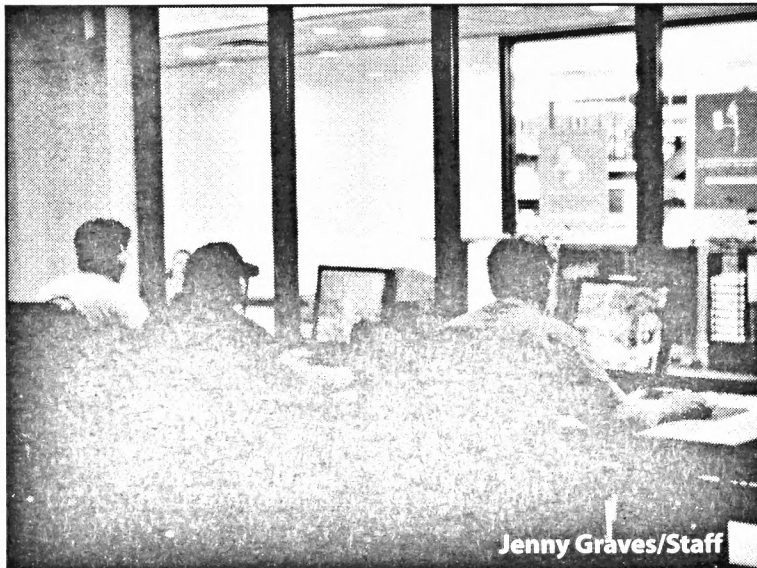
By **Abbie Mantor**

News writer

Under an ambitious plan of campus modernization and beautification, university officials approved an extensive list of construction projects last spring that were to be completed by late August. Among many significant renovations, the lower level of Ludwig was remodeled, the Communication and Art Departments joined forces in a state-of-the-art media facility, and the campus water supply migrated from wells to city water. Olivet administrators expected projects to be completed by the beginning of the semester, yet many are still underway.

In Ludwig Center, the technology-intensive gaming center opened Sept. 14, well behind schedule, with additional heating/cooling work still underway. In the new ASC conference room, several ceiling tiles, a SmartBoard and other necessities have yet to be installed. Additional furnishings for the various conversational areas around the lower level are also in the works.

Although most members of the Associated Student Council are pleased with their new offices, some are



Jenny Graves/Staff

The new gaming center, a capstone feature of the Ludwig Center renovations, opened to students Sept. 14, several weeks behind schedule.

experiencing difficulties with computers and telephones.

"It's awesome!" ASC President Andrew Twibell said of the new ASC office suite. "The open space is helpful... it's beautiful. The computers were slow, but [the Information Technology Department] was willing to help."

Since its opening, the Ludwig gaming center has seen a steady stream of interested students.

"They keep coming back," said senior David Mitten, who works at the gaming desk collecting ID cards and observing virtual battles in progress.

Across campus,

computer and photo labs in the Communication building are still being outfitted, windows are awaiting replacement, and landscaping projects are underway.

Referring to the non-working computers and missing chairs in the building's graphics labs, sophomore Katie Zurcher said, "We couldn't do work all the time, or we had to stand."

Physical Plant Director Matt Whitis said the chair company sent regular height computer chairs instead of the high counter stools that were ordered. The company has been contacted, however, and new stools are scheduled

to arrive soon.

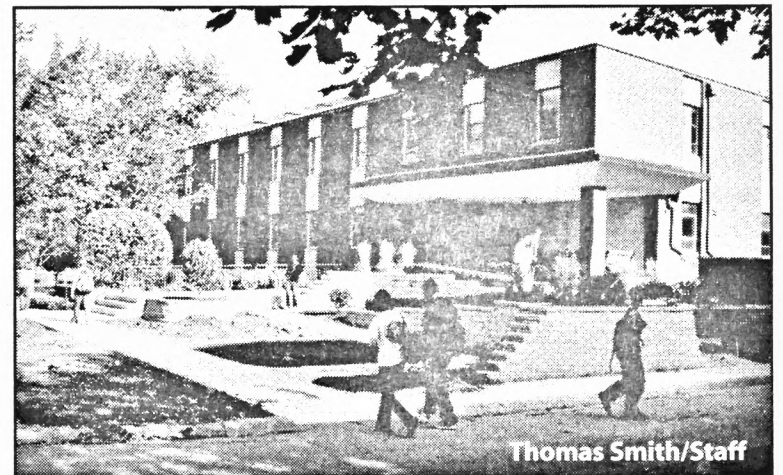
"We didn't know until we got them," he said. "We put chairs in there as soon as we noticed."

Operation of the new campus-wide wireless Internet network is also behind schedule, although routers have been placed in all campus buildings and at select outdoor locations.

"Because of construction delays in the new Communication/Art area, we were unable to finish our part of the project on time," IT

Director Dennis Seymour said. "...The additional housing requirements for the increased enrollment this fall required us to spend time wiring houses and apartments rather than finishing the wireless network."

Approximately 85 percent of the campus, indoors and outdoors, was covered by the RF (wireless) signal as of Sept. 20. Once testing is complete, an announcement will be made indicating the network's full functionality.



Thomas Smith/Staff

Landscaping and additional exterior work continues in front of the fully renovated Communication building. Inside, graphics and photo labs are still being outfitted.

Students organize Republican club

By **Emily Davis**

News writer

As Election Day, Nov. 2, approaches, many battle-weary Republicans mark the end of the campaign trail. At Olivet, however, it is the beginning of a new political season for a group of young GOP members.

Despite results of a Gallup Poll conducted Sept. 13 through 15 showing President Bush with a significant 13 point lead over his opponent, Democrat John Kerry, the aftermath of the race following the Republican National Convention has not been easy. The legitimacy of President Bush's Vietnam service has once again been called into question, and the Illinois Republican candidate for Senate, Alan Keyes, has been under national scrutiny for his direct attacks on homosexuality and abortion.

Regardless of the controversy, local party members have come together in hopes of forming an association for Olivet Republicans. Freshman Trevor

Winn, a political science major, became acting chairman of the association.

"Our goal is to heighten political interest and to get kids excited," he said. "It'll give them an option to vent their feelings and get some political activity they've never had before."

Winn cautions, however, that the club is still in its infancy. Along with co-founder Jana Bartholomew, Winn addressed this issue with students at the club's first meeting, Sept. 15. The room of new members erupted with excited chatter as Winn brought up issues such as an official name, vacant leadership positions and potential mottos such as "The Right Way."

Beyond this initial fervor, the club may not last. Olivet has seen many idealistic young Republicans attempt to carry the responsibility Winn now takes, yet no initiatives have been long-lasting.

Professor William Dean of the Department of History and Political Science correlated the continued efforts

of students to begin a partisan association with the excitement of the election season.

"The public is motivated by controversy," Dean said, "but after November passes, it will be significantly harder to continue [the club]."

Yet Dean, along with Professor David Van Heemst of the Political Science department, was positive in his outlook on the club's potential to help students become more informed of general political issues. That is, if students are willing to move beyond discussion and take substantial action.

"[They must] plan some practical activities," Van Heemst said, "because people will identify more with the group if it is actually doing something."

For now, however, any action the group may have planned has been postponed to await the completion of official registration with the Illinois College Republican Federation and approval from the Associated Students Council to become an official campus organization.

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of a major airport to serve south suburban Chicago have garnered further attention for growth in local communities. Current plans place the airport in Peotone, Ill., only 19 miles north of Kankakee.

Kankakee County was included in Industry Week Magazine's "Top 75 World Class Manufacturing Communities." Projected to be

among the 20 fastest growing areas in personal income over the next 20 years, the magazine claims the county is one of the Midwest's strongest growth areas and shows no signs of slowing. *Reader's Digest* has also ranked Kankakee County as the 18th best place in America to raise a family.

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An insider's look at the Olivet Marching Tigers

By Wes McKain

Variety writer

It's a Saturday evening, nerves are on edge and everyone's stomach is tight. All eyes are fixed on drum major Shay Reid, who stands on the 50-yard line and waits to give the signal. Finally, after what seems like hours, her hands make the arc up to begin the count — 1... 2... 3... 4, tap-tap-tap — and for the first time in over 30 years, to thunderous applause, the ONU Marching Tigers take the field.

Olivet had a marching band in the 1960s and 70s, but the project fizzled out due to lack of student participation. It was difficult to maintain a marching ensemble back then, considering that at that time Olivet had no intercollegiate football team.

After Olivet had grown and matured as a university, a lot of people were beginning to think a new marching band was in order.

The idea circulated among faculty and administration for some time, but it was only when the Music Department acquired its newest professor, Dr. Neal McMullian, that the dream turned into reality.

After much planning and an equal amount of money, a group of approximately 85 Olivet students met for the first time Aug. 15 to begin a weeklong camp, turning a raggedy group of kids into a force to be reckoned with.

A month later, the band is going strong and band director Dr. McMullian is



Snare drummers must demonstrate laserlike precision and intense focus to keep the band in time. Here, the drummers sound off during the home game, Sept. 18.

excited about what has been accomplished.

"The way the crowds have reacted to us has been fantastic. I've received emails from faculty and coaches, we got a front page article in *The Daily Journal*, and another college football coach actually mentioned our marching band in his NAIA scouting report," he said.

McMullian has had extensive experience working with marching bands. He marched with the University of Southern Mississippi, served as assistant director at the University of Georgia, directed the band at Malone College and spent ten years as a high school band director.

The musicians are also very excited about the response from the student body.

"The fans go crazy. It's the best reception I've ever seen for a marching band," remarked freshman trumpet

player John Brown.

Rachel Helmker, a sophomore piccolo player, thought the same.

"I've had many people come up to me and say they really enjoyed the marching band performance on Saturday," she said.

There is a general consensus among the band members about the uniforms as well. Junior Scott Maier, a bass drum player, thought they were very "loud" at first — with the "shiny gold and the capes" — but when he saw the entire band suited up for the first time and said the band looked "incredibly sharp."

Maier also presented his opinion regarding the zany, manic and generally eccentric band nerd stereotype.

"Band people are a breed of their own. They're definitely not normal, but who wants to be normal anyway? Normal people are dumb."

SPOTLIGHT: CAREERS

Olivet alumna Whitney Wood lands dream job as interior designer

By Daena Stanek

Variety editor

After graduating from Olivet this spring, Whitney Wood landed a job as an interior designer at Resource One, an office design firm in Springfield, Ill.

Initially unsure of a career choice, she completed two years at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield and transferred to ONU for a degree in Housing and Environmental Design with a Business minor.

Wood believes that ONU well-equipped her for the business world. Many of her classes, such as Auto Cad and Drafting, have been beneficial for getting started in her career. Much of Wood's guidance during her time at Olivet came from Professors Diane Richardson and Cathy Anstrom.

Wood recommends talking to people that already work in interior design to gain a better understanding of a career in the field. If students are not able to complete an internship right away, they should find a job doing something relative to interior design, such as working at a wallpaper or carpet store, she said.

During the summer of 2003, Wood interned at Resource One, where she was able to see how businesses are really operated through the hands-on experience.

Resource One was founded by a Christian

businesswoman who built the company around Christian values. The owner and nearly all the employees attend the same local church.

"We're one big Christian family," Wood said.

Wood designs floor models and pulls products to fit clients' budget. Clients range from private home offices to law firms, doctor

"The firm is currently designing the interiors of the University of Illinois Animal Science lab ... and Southern Illinois University's School of Medicine."

offices, banks, churches, hospitals, schools, and even corporations like State Farm Insurance.

Resource One is currently designing the interiors of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's Alumni Center and Animal Science Lab, and Southern Illinois University's School of Medicine.

She sees herself remaining with the company well into the future.

"I would only probably leave if the values changed and God wasn't the center of it," she said.

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Dr. Streit leads accreditation team in Korea

By **Emilee Foxworthy**

Variety writer

Almost everyone in the Olivet community is familiar with the foreign study programs that are offered, but students are not the only ones with the opportunity to represent the university in other countries. Dr. Gary Streit, Vice President of Academic Affairs, traveled to Seoul, South Korea, on Sept. 6 as a part of an accreditation team for Korea Nazarene University.

Streit was appointed the chairman of a six-person team commissioned to execute a complete evaluation of KNU. These members were Loren Gresham, President of

Southern Nazarene University; Dr. Leah Marangu, President of Africa Nazarene University; Dr. Al Truesdale, former Dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary; Monte Chitwood, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Northwest Nazarene University; and Dr. Gordon Golson, Vice President of Student Development at Point Loma Nazarene University.

Because of his vast accreditation experience, Streit was specifically asked by Dr. Jerry Lambert, Commissioner of Education for the Church of the Nazarene to lead the evaluation.

After enduring a twelve-hour flight from Chicago with a stopover in Tokyo, Streit joined the rest

of his team in Seoul. The accreditation process included evaluating KNU's academic program, resources and, most importantly, the university's mission. According to Streit, the team's responsibility was

"I feel privileged to be part of such a great system of higher education."

» **DR. GARY STREIT**
VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

to make certain that KNU's purpose was "in harmony with the supporting denomination."

As chairman, Streit's

duties ranged from organizing the schedule for the visit to editing the final accreditation report to send to Lambert.

The trip involved more than the assessment of the university, however. Streit enjoyed a time of sight-seeing and experiencing Korean culture.

The accreditation team also had the chance to attend a service of about 30,000 people at Full Gospel Central Church, pastored by Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho. FGCC is credited as the world's largest church, with hundreds of thousands of people attending regularly.

The team also had the opportunity to participate in many events on the campus of KNU. The accreditation tour

coincided with the university's commemoration of its 50th anniversary. Streit was given the opportunity to speak in a chapel service as well as attend other Nazarene churches in the region.

Overall, Streit was very impressed with Korean Nazarene University, applauding it as a "fine institution." He returned to Olivet on Sept. 15.

"It was a great experience. I feel privileged to do this assignment. I feel privileged to be part of such a great system of higher education. It makes me very appreciative of Olivet and the wonderful faculty and students we have here in Bourbonnais."

Olivet professor provides expert voice for Golf Channel

By **Stephen E. Foxworthy**

Variety writer

If Olivet students were able to get the Golf Channel on campus, it is a doubtless fact that most, if not all, televisions on campus would have been turned to the channel last Wednesday, September 15. Why the attraction? Is the ONU golf team putting in an appearance? Is there a documentary on the history and outbreak of gennis as the new national pastime?

Not at all. Rather, the population of Olivet would be tuning in to see one of their own beloved professors, Dr. Stephen Lowe, serve as an expert voice for their documentary "The Haig," based on the life of golf legend Sir Walter Haig.

A graduate of Olivet

in 1988 with two degrees from Ohio University, Lowe has served as a professor of history at ONU since 1993.

Lowe first became interested in sports history while doing graduate work at Ohio University.

"My dissertation was on the historical relationship between Congress and professional sports," Lowe said. This later became his first published work, titled "The Kid on the Sandlot: Congress and Professional Sports."

Lowe was chosen to speak in this film because of his expertise on Haig. In 2000, Lowe published his second book, "Sir Walter and Mr. Jones: Walter Haig, Bobby Jones, and the Rise of American Golf," which received the United States Golf Association International

Book Award.

Lowe said this book opened up several doors for him to write in commercial publications like GolfWorld, GOLF Magazine, Golf Journal, and LINKS, as well as academic journals like the Journal of Sports History and the Georgia Sports Quarterly.

While Lowe has appeared in several radio interviews about his book, this was his first television appearance. "On one hand it was an honor to do the work and even a bit of fun. On the other hand,

though, it was also a little unnerving," he reflects. "Now that it's over, I feel both satisfied and relieved."

Though he has some ideas for a third book, Lowe is putting them on the back burner as his family continues to grow. The proud father of Stephen, age 9, and Elizabeth, age 6, Lowe says that he would "rather play golf with

my children than write about its history."

While we may not see anything out of him for a few more years, it is doubtless that Dr. Lowe will continue to pursue his endeavors as a recognized expert in sports history.

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STUDENT PROFILE

The flying Floyds folly better

By Daena Stanek

Variety editor

"That's going to be one fat baby," the doctor told Mrs. Floyd. After seven months of pregnancy, the doctor discovered two thunderous heartbeats — those of Joel and Caleb Floyd, now flipping Olivet freshmen. The twins have always been active, even before birth. They were so energetic during their mother's pregnancy, they claim to have kicked their father out of bed.

Joel and Caleb said they learned to climb before learning how to walk. Their brother Marvin, an ONU senior, found them climbing up a bunk bed as infants in their Minong, Wisc. home. As young children, the twins would jump from tree to tree in their backyard. Miraculously, they've never broken any bones.

These gymnastic skills run in the family — their father did handstands and cartwheels as an adolescent. He can still do a "froggy stand," Joel said. "But he's not as limber as he

used to be," Marvin added.

Marvin taught the twins how to do handstands while they were in third grade.

"They far surpassed me," Marvin said, because they started to walk on their hands and later, flip.

Once, after a long road trip, the Floyds stopped at a gas station where the sixth grade twins decided to perform the "human wheel," as demonstrated

in the Ollies Follies freshman talent competition.

Unfortunately, their first attempt was unsuccessful because they landed in the gravel.

"I landed on my head and almost gave myself a concussion," Caleb said. Their

parents just shook their heads and laughed.

Later, a neighbor suggested the twins have their own act at an annual summer festival with car shows, dances

center of attention," Marvin said. "Sometimes a little too much," Marvin's fiancée Krista Edwards added.

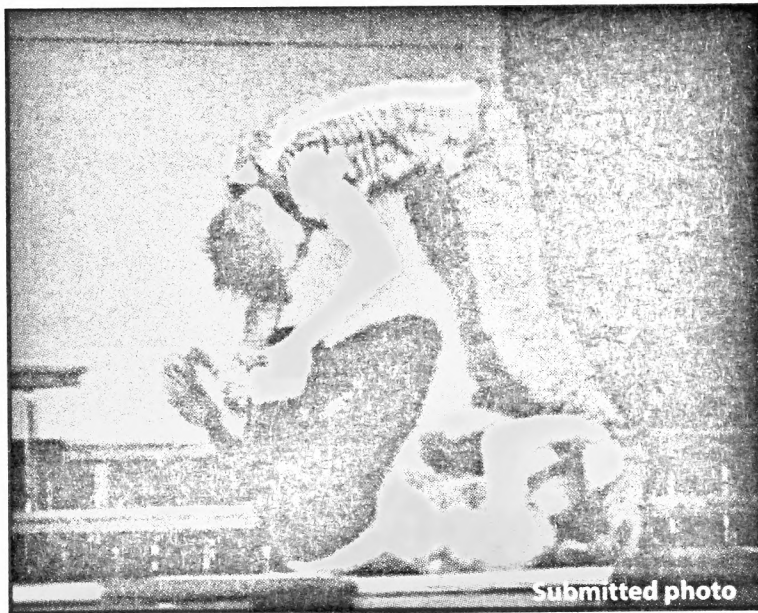
In high school, they were the "cool people," Joel said. They played football, wrestled and tried baseball. Unfortunately their high school did not offer a gymnastics program nor does ONU; however, the twins are open to the idea of becoming mascots and performing during half

majors, the twins would love to do theater, stunts or perform as Christian entertainers.

The twins are pushing themselves to try more difficult routines. Caleb would love to juggle on a tightrope, but is still practicing, and they would both love to juggle flaming torches, but are afraid of causing any fires.

Best friend and roommate Billy Heller said Caleb and Joel got Billy to try the human wheel with Marvin. They were able to complete one rotation but Billy hurt himself. As freshmen living in Chapman Hall, Billy told of a humorous account from the beginning of the school year. The phone was ringing and Joel took it upon himself to answer it — jumping from his triple high bed onto the ground, landing in a Spiderman position.

They believe their skills are God-given talents. Joel said, "Being the center of attention is nice but mostly we just like to entertain people, no matter what the size of the audience."



and pony rides. Loving the idea of entertaining others, they readily accepted. The Flying Floyd Brothers, as they were called, juggled, performed magic tricks, sang and did the famous human wheel in a large tent holding 40-50 people.

"They enjoy being the

time shows.

In the meantime, Caleb and Joel are keeping themselves busy with Green Room, the fall play and Broadway Revue where they will sing and dance in the Gaston and *Footloose* routines. Both Mass Communication

Ask Cap'n Slappy

By Cap'n Slappy

Variety writer

I still have a GlimmerGlass column to write? It's amazing what you can forget when you're deep within the bowels of Ludwig engaged in a four-week-long Pong battle with

Brennan Vidt! I'm amazed you get any work done at all!

Dear Vacant Void in My Soul,
I thought the worst thing that could ever happen to me was when the seniors lost Ollies Follies. Then, when I picked up the last issue of the *GlimmerGlass* only to find you missing, I realized that it had, in fact, gotten worse. Where shall my feelings and fears find their vent if not in thee? You're my only hope!
Sid Senior

Dear Sid,

Y'know, I don't write the intro to this column for my health, Sid. Let's try to pay better attention next time, okay? As to Ollies Follies: honestly, where you surprised? It's called "inevitability" or "destiny."

But fear not, my stalwart senior! Yea, though you walk through the shadow of the valley that is your class, the Cap'n will be with you... always!

Dear Cap'n,

I am about to scrub my ears out with a Brillo pad Q-Tip! Just when I got that "Love Just Because" song out of my head, who should come crawling back to ONU but Scott Phillips?! Will that man never leave?
Revival R.I.O.Ter

Dear R.I.O.Ter,

He'd better not! He's my roommate this year! Due to both of us signing up late for student housing during

the Housing Crisis of '04-'05, Tommy Middendorf stuck us in the chlorine shanty between McClain and the gazebo. With any luck, Chad Schumacher will be able to join us at semester!

Dear Slappy,

What do you think of this semester's chapel theme - One Book, One Olivet? Don't you think it's a little...basic? Most Likely to Skip

Dear Likely,

At first I was concerned with the direction of this chapel series, but then I had an opportunity to sit back in my smoking jacket and bubble pipe and enjoy the "One Book" in question -- Who Moved My Cheese? I can already see students running around campus in search of the gouda, brie and muenster escaped from Sodexho! I'm eagerly anticipating Chaplain Benson's vivid comparison between a holey piece of Swiss cheese and a soul without Jesus! And, at last, a chance for Wisconsin students to finally believe. They belong here. But don't take my word for it, Likely!

There! Done! Finally! Well, Pong waits for no man, so I'll just head off...Zie Gezundt! Please e-mail questions to slappycaptain@hotmail.com.



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Scott Phillips, a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College and a budding independent artist is no stranger to Olivet. After making chapel appearances last year at ONU, he returned Sept. 19-23 to lead worship for the annual Fall Revival.

MUSIC REVIEW

Phillips' *Tightrope* offers quality sound and solid perspective

By Stephen Foxworthy

A&E writer

Most Olivet students heard Scott Phillips leading worship this past week in chapel and at College Church revival services, and those more perceptive among us will recognize him from his chapel appearances in previous years.

However, picking

up Scott Phillips' latest CD, *Tightrope*, is an experience very different from hearing him sing worship choruses in a chapel setting.

Those who have listened to Phillips' CD recognize his similarities to secular artists like Jason Mraz and John Mayer. While the melodies and acoustic style may seem similar to these artists, Phillips relates theological messages through his lyrics that speak the simple truth.

In his song "Just Because," Phillips sings of his desire for a type of love that transcends the loose meaning of the word in modern society.

Many of his other songs describe this same perceptiveness about the universal themes that humankind has always struggled with.

"When the Tables Turn" talks about our search for a place of refuge when things go awry.

"You Came Around" speaks of God's willingness to stoop to our level when we are in need of a touch from Him.

In "I Should," Phillips marvels at God's eternal and everlasting love despite his own failures and shortcomings.

With every song, Phillips speaks openly about the human condition and the need for a Savior.

Tightrope also provides a calm ambience for a variety of activities, such as studying, drinking coffee with friends or just relaxing.

For those who didn't have the foresight to pick up *Tightrope* while Phillips was on campus, copies can be purchased (along with his self-titled indie release) on his website, scott-phillips.com. Before buying, also be sure to check out free previews of selected tracks on the Independent Artist Agency website, iaa.cc/artists/scottphillips.

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Artist:

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Albums:

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Zion's Wake: New name, new sound

By Abbie Mantor

A&E writer

New Olivet students may not notice anything unusual about the public relations group Zion's Wake, but a number of changes have transformed the sound and appearance of the popular regional traveling team, formerly called PraiZe.

The name Zion's Wake was the invention of band member and lead singer Matthew Stanley.

"It stems from the Old Testament idea of Zion as a place of heavenly worship. And when you add the idea of wake to that — like one ripple of water will continue to ripple until there is no more water — you come up with the idea of worship extending into every part of our lives,"

» **MATTHEW STANLEY**
LEAD SINGER, ZION'S WAKE

Stanley said. Other members of the band include Bethany MacKay, Trevor Young, Rodney Kilgore, Marc Trembly, Alyssa Hayes, Dave Fowler and Matt Bumgarner.

Together they create a "meatier," "heavier" sound

than last year's PraiZe.

"I'm not a rock music man, but I like the change. It reaches more people," ASC President Andrew Twibell said.

He is not the only one who noticed the change in group's sound.

"Their style is more rock based now. It's not bad," said sophomore Heather Bachelor.

Although Stanley is uncertain of the next time the group will play in chapel or other campus venues, Zion's Wake has a full schedule. They will be leading teen worship every Wednesday night at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

The band also has shows scheduled at Nazarene churches around the Olivet region as far in advance as April.

"It's a crazy schedule," said Stanley, "but I'm looking forward to a great year of being in and among the body praising God, because when it comes right down to it, I have a ton to praise Him for."

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Students go MIA to serve

By **Candy Kellogg**

Spiritual Life writer

It was once said, "Only those who can see the invisible can do the impossible." To many, the task of telling the entire world about Jesus Christ is impossible. Some see this task as so huge that they never begin so that they do not have to experience failure if they are not received with open arms. Others, however, see the invisible and look for any opportunity to get the name of Jesus out and into public.

This summer, twenty-eight Olivet students with that kind of resolve went all around the world with one goal in mind: to show the love and life of Christ to as many people as possible through Mission In Action (MIA).

MIA is a national organization that coordinates short-term mission trips all over the world. Participants are arranged in teams and go to places such as Italy, Russia,

Asia, and some places in the United States for one and a half to three weeks to serve. Some of the ways these teams serve are through teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), playing with children in orphanages, working with the elderly, teaching about abstinence, teaching Bible studies, running Vacation Bible School (VBS) programs and preaching in churches.

While many participants had previously been involved with church groups or gone on other mission trips, for some this was the very first time they had participated in a ministry.

Everyone involved agreed that MIA was a life-changing experience that not only taught them what life is like outside of the United States, but also stretched them and challenged them to live for a higher calling.

Allen Bedell, who served in Brisbane, Australia, was able to work with children

in public schools where they were allowed the opportunity to share Christ with first through fifth graders at what was called "Supa Club." He and his teammates were able to do anything from playing soccer

"It was heartbreaking to hear the stories of the different kids living in these places."

» **JENNI BAST**

with the youth to preaching in local churches. Allen says that he became burdened for Australia and its people during his time there.

"Australia is a very apathetic country, the people there just don't care much about what God has to say to them...many youth we had talked to had no concept of sin, no concept of salvation, thus no concept of redemption,"

Bedell said.

Jenni Bast served in Moscow, Russia, teaching English in the First Church of the Nazarene. Bast said it was amazing to see how excited everyone was to learn English. Her group also visited several orphanages, where it was incredible the number of children left there that actually had parents.

"It was heartbreaking to hear the stories of the different kids living in these places," Bast said.

Despite the sad situations of the children in Moscow, Bast says she had an amazing time and that she still feels God teaching her things from her trip. Bast said her favorite part of the trip was trying shashlik, which is a Russian shish kabob. When asked if there was anything else she would like to say about her trip, she said, "Can I go back?"

Leslee Jones was part of the Kenya, Africa team.

Part of this team's ministry was to play with abandoned HIV babies and to teach a weeklong Pastor's conference. Jones said that the people of Kenya were excited to see Christians from another country and that the children were excited to see the "mnungo," or white men, they had only heard about.

Jones says that the people of Kenya were very laid back and were always smiling. One of her most memorable experiences, however, came in a church service in a remote village. When the offering was taken there was no money in the offering plate, only bananas, peanuts and sugar cane. The pastor then auctioned off the food to the MIA team so that they church could finish building its roof. The team bought the food, raised half the money needed for the roof, and then fed the people with the food they had just bought.

"It was a real lesson in sacrificial giving" Jones said.



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Jason Kwast, Sarah Kirkland, Jessica Pennington, Bekah Bates, Holly Elliott, Emily Crouch in Taramina, Sicily sightseeing at a Greek temple of pleasure.



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The Brisbane, Australia team of Allen Bedell, Donna Hollandsworth, Renee Reich, Ellie Hubert, Kristin Amato, Audra Hoesman and Kenna Barringer.



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Emily Crouch, Jessica Pennington, Jason Kwast, Bekah Bates, Holly Elliott and Sarah Kirkland bond over a meal in Italy.



Submitted photo

MIA Russia sponsor Dr. Bill Dean, with MIA participants Amanda Bosworth, Rodger Doss, Rachael Nichols, Carmel Swift, Jenni Bast and Melissa Shank with St. Basil's Cathedral on Red Square in the background.

Missions in a transitional world

By **Chris Allison**

Spiritual Life writer

My parents have been stationed in the country of Macedonia for about three years now. In Kosovo, where my parents also work, the church is growing at amazing rates. In Macedonia, the simple answer is, "What church?" since the presence of the church is not allowed.

Macedonia, like much of the Mediterranean, never really latched on to the Enlightenment idea of religious freedom. It is a referenced concept, but far from reality. In the West, religion is a personal and existential concept. In other words, we look at faith in very personal terms: me, I, mine, my. In the Balkans, religion frequently has a communal tone. For example, I am Serbian, therefore I am Eastern

Orthodox; I am Albanian, therefore I am Muslim; I am Croatian, therefore I am Catholic; and so on.

The concept of Protestant faith in Macedonia as an alternative to what already exists – Macedonian Eastern Orthodoxy – is an identity-shattering proposition. If I become Protestant, in this case Nazarene, does that mean that I am *really* still Macedonian? This question has prompted the Macedonian government to bar Protestant missionaries from entering the country. The fear is that religious change is, in fact, identity change. Then the question arises: what must the church be, and what must missionaries be to reach those who do not have an active faith?

There are Macedonians involved in the Macedonian Orthodox Church that have an active faith. Our concern

however, is with those who pawn off life-encompassing faith on cultural identity. To address these problems, the gospel must be conveyed in a way that not only speaks to the soul, but also to the mind and the body.

The Peruvian theologian Gustavo Gutierrez insists that our message is lifeless if we refuse to share the lives and lift the load of the poor and deprived. Through computer and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, my parents are not only showing that they take a genuine interest in students' lives, but also that they want to help Macedonians find work that can help lift the strain upon their families.

The desire to help lighten the burden stems directly from the Christian faith, and this becomes evident as the students talk

about life and ask my parents why in the world they live in Macedonia, when they could live comfortably in the United States. My parents also seek to help open people's minds to new ways of thinking, by allowing them to read Scripture in their own language, which is a first for most. Not only are people's minds being opened with Scripture, they are being transformed with graceful dialogue.

The time has passed when knowing about Marx, Nietzsche and Heidegger was irrelevant. Speaking eloquently about Kierkegaard and Foucault is highly valuable when you are ministering to a highly educated populace, because if it is not the cultural roadblocks, it is the intellectual roadblocks that hinder the person's belief. There is amazing freedom in the realization that spiritual

and intellectual depths are complimentary (in other words, you don't have to be stupid to be a Christian).

In Kosovo, the church is thriving in a sea of difficult work. Yet, it is hard to understand why in places like Kosovo things fly, but in Macedonia, the church consists of contacts and relationships. Why is cultural identity a roadblock in Macedonia, while in Kosovo there are people who are open to Christianity when there are equal cultural overtones. These questions concern Christians throughout the region.

Please pray that the Lord would work in the hearts of Kosovars and Macedonians so they may come to a living faith in Jesus Christ that sees past ethnic divisions, towards the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ.

New WRL program provides mentorship, friendship

By **Suzanne Sletto**

Spiritual Life writer

The newly developed "Sister 2 Sister" program gathered in the Warming House on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. Approximately 200 girls signed up to participate in the "Sister 2 Sister" program that allows upper classmen girls to mentor freshman girls.

Because the freshman class developed rapidly, junior Molly Taylor, Vice President of Women's Residential Life (WRL), decided to start a program in which upper classmen girls would be paired up with a freshman girl as a mentor.

"I wanted to get the freshmen tied in with the other girls on campus and give them

a person that they knew would be praying for them and could always go to talk to," Taylor said.

Once the girls were paired up at the meeting, the "sisters" chose a time to meet regularly and discuss issues or problems they are facing.

"I think it will be really fun getting to know my little sister and her friends, connecting to the freshman class and sharing useful information with her. I know we're going to have a blast," Katie Dafoe, a senior "sister" in the program said.

The new development of the "Sister 2 Sister" program is an idea that was laid on President Taylor's heart during last summer. She described that she had prayed on a daily

basis and "wanted freshmen to feel loved and accepted by their sisters in Christ."

The purpose of WRL is to grow together as the women God intends us to be.

"We will encourage each other and hold each other accountable as we walk together in Christ," Taylor said.

The goal and theme verse for WRL is Proverbs 31 a scripture that addresses a woman of noble character. As this verse is studied throughout the year, Taylor's hope is that spiritual and emotional well-being of the women on campus will improve.

Kristina Jasonowicz, a freshman from Ottawa, Ill., says that WRL has made her more relaxed on campus.

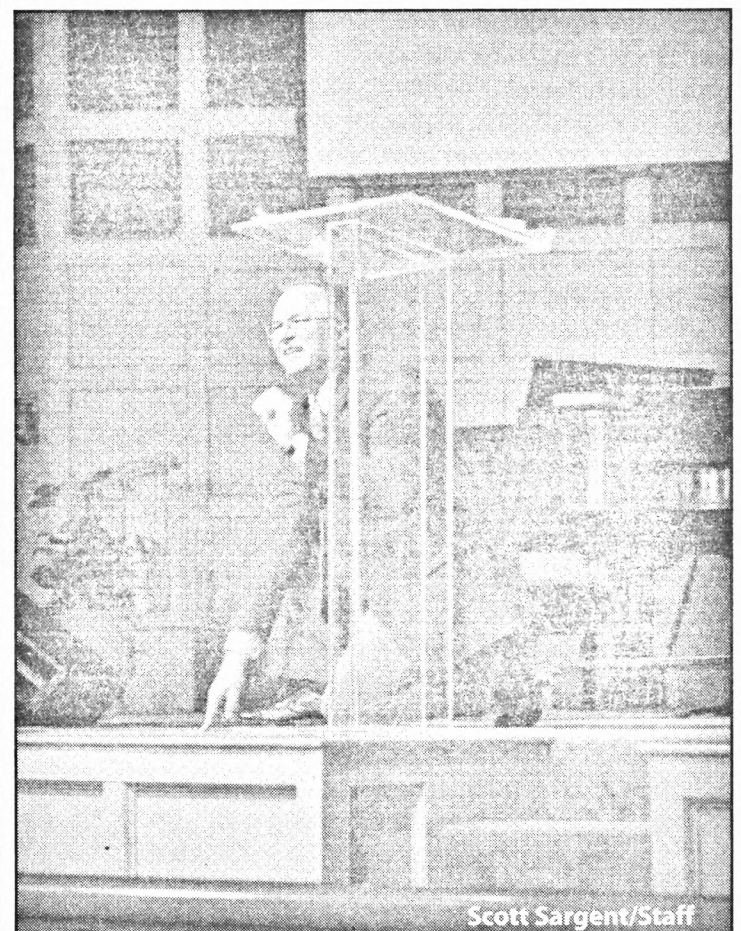
"WRL has really made me feel more comfortable around campus and has allowed me to get to know more of the upperclassmen girls here at Olivet," Jasonowicz said.

Three different seminars will be held during the this year through WRL. Topics of discussion include eating disorders, contentment in Christ and self-esteem.

As these issues are addressed, Taylor hopes that Olivet girls will "realize how beautiful they are in their uniqueness and accept the blessings that God is trying to give them instead of comparing themselves to others around them."

THE SPIRIT OF REVIVAL

Speaker brings new approach



Scott Sargent/Staff

Fall Revival speaker Dr. Michael Lodahl, Professor of Religion at Point Loma Nazarene University, demonstrates the concept of "bent down" stories including the healing of the blind man.

"God brings healing down to where we live on earth," Lodahl said when speaking about "bent down" stories.

Lodahl dedicated the revival services, held Sept. 19-22, to texts from John and 1 John that focused on Jesus the living Word who reveals who God is and what He is like.

"To know what God has to say we look to Jesus," Lodahl said.

Lodahl also reminded students in chapel that Jesus is not so spiritual that he can be put off by the dirty parts of our lives.

"You can tell God anything and everything and He hears with great compassion," Lodahl said.



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Planners and organizers of Sister 2 Sister, Molly Taylor, Katie Pyle and Brenda Mohr have some fun at the kick off party for all of the sisters. (Submitted photo)

Soccer (M) vs. I.I.T.
Snowbarger Park
Sept. 25 @ 2:00 p.m.

V-ball vs. Savanna
McHie Arena
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Broomball makes a meager beginning at Fall Brawl

By **Andrew Jones**

Sports writer

An unusual sport made its Olivet debut on Sept. 17, during the Social Committee-sponsored Fall Brawl at the Warming House.

The unheralded competition, called broomball, is gaining popularity across the country and caught the attention of the ASC Social Committee, who offered the all campus event as the highlight of their "Fall Brawl."

According to usabroomball.com, the United States Broomball Association (USBA) Web site, broomball is traditionally played indoors on ice with rules similar to ice hockey. Instead of ice skates, participants wear special padded sponge rubber shoes.

The sport gets its name from the brooms players' use to contact a ball that is smaller than a soccer ball, but larger

than a softball. However, these brooms aren't the ordinary straw brooms used in most kitchens; the equipment is specially manufactured, and made of wood or aluminum.

To score, the ball must be hit into a net that is larger than a hockey goal, but much smaller than an outdoor soccer goal.

With the introduction of broomball, the Social Committee members think they have a product that is breaking the mold.

"The school has never done anything like this," said Chris Sanders, one of five sophomore ASC Representatives. "It shows that ONU is letting go of some traditions."

"It's not conventional," Beth Johnson, Vice President of Social Life, echoes.

But if breaking new ground is what the Social Committee is after, in the case

of broomball, it will be more of a gradual process rather than an overnight success. Many students at the Fall Brawl seemed much more interested in the bonfire and hayrides than playing a sport that is unfamiliar to most.

The few students who were willing to give it a try, one of them using a plunger because of a shortage of brooms, played a pick-up game of three-on-three for all of five minutes before one of the brooms snapped, and another student started bleeding.

While broomball is not an intramural sport at Olivet, the idea is starting to catch on elsewhere. Many colleges have broomball programs. Miami University in Oxford, Ohio boasts the most successful broomball program in the nation, with 450 teams and 6,000 students participating according to usabroomball.com. The USBA, an official

governing body for broomball in the U.S., annually sponsors several regional tournaments as well as a national college championship tournament.

Despite the lack of interest, the Social Committee hoped the inaugural experience would impact students in other ways.

"The goal of anything we do as a committee is to unite the student body in Christian love and good times," Johnson said.

"It gives students a chance to interact with one another, but also promotes competition," Sanders said.

While most Olivet students weren't quite ready for the broomball experience, the name itself seems to evoke excitement and interest, even from students like junior Ryan McClellan who aren't familiar with broomball.

"No, I've never heard of it, but it sounds fun!"

THE SKINNY

Football (1-2)

Azusa Pacific L 6-22
Walsh L 19-27

Volleyball (7-10)

Calumet-St. Joe W 3-0
Madonna University
Tournament

Trinity Christian W 3-0
Taylor L 2-3
Madonna L 0-3
Georgetown L 0-3
Cardinal Stritch W 3-0
Indiana Wesleyan
Tournament

Georgetown L 0-3
Cornerstone L 0-3
U. of Rio Grande W 3-0
Indiana Wesleyan L 1-3

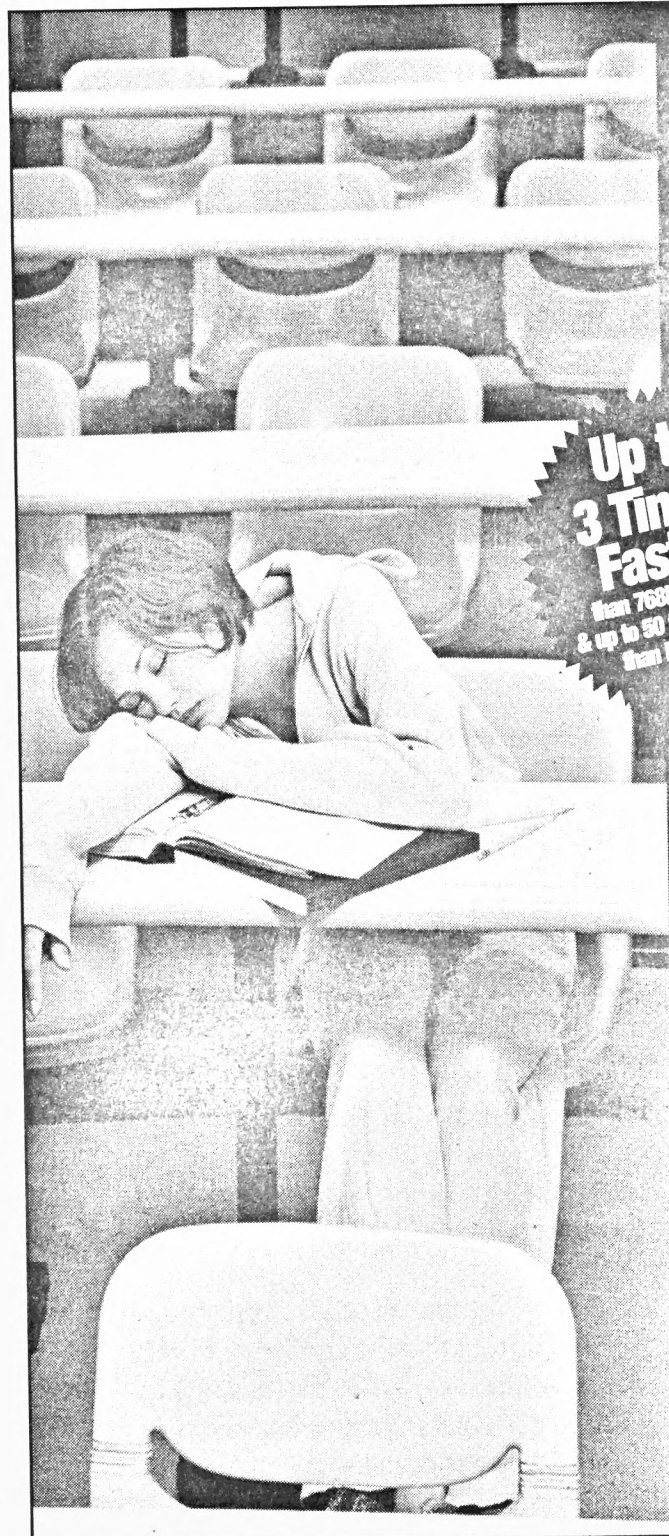
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William Penn W 4-1

Soccer (W) (6-1-2)

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The evolution of Olivet's "ecology"

Serious discussions about racial reconciliation at Olivet began in 2002; since then, the university has achieved some success, but more challenges are in store

By **Niki Clark**

Forum editor

Olivet is changing. Its ecology – the biological makeup of the campus, if you will – is going through its own type of evolution. Never mind the physical landscape of the campus; buildings come and go, admission numbers can fluctuate from year to year and there will always be new, nonworking technology to update. Rather, the very essence of Olivet, its social, cultural and spiritual landscape is being challenged.

In fall 2002, a facilitated self-assessment of Olivet was made with the purpose of compiling archival and demographic information regarding ethnic diversity on the campus.

"The words 'racial reconciliation' were becoming buzz-words on campus and seemed to hum in everyone's ears, whether they knew what it meant or even desired it."

Olivet's ecology was well overdue for an assessment, and the hot topic of racial and ethnic diversity was only getting hotter. "Racial reconciliation," was becoming a common phrase on campus and seemed to hum in everyone's ears, whether or not they knew what it meant, or even desired it.

The issue was burgeoning, but if progressive dialogue was to happen, there would need to be a basis, a starting point from which to work.

By December of that year, with the help of Dr. Brenda Salter-McNeal and Overflow Ministries, Inc., a Multi-Ethnic Self-Assessment Report of Olivet Nazarene University was completed. The fiery issue of diversity at Olivet had received the needed fuel to address the issue head-on.

A survey taken as a part of the assessment exposed

more and more layers to the student body's perception of the campus ecology. The social, cultural and spiritual ecology of Olivet was under question and the matter was approached with the urgency of speak-now-or-forever-hold-your-peace. What is racial reconciliation? Was Olivet in need of it?

Some students expressed an interest in dialogue and a desire for more exposure to the perspectives of others.

Several were concerned that the issue of diversity was becoming just that, an issue; a politically-

RACIAL Reconciliation at ONU

present coursework. Exposure to issues related to ethnicity and race seemed minimal. There was concern that when the topics of race and ethnicity were raised, it quickly became a matter of black and white, failing to make room for an all-inclusive, beneficial discussion. Some felt that focusing on these issues would only make things worse.

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Right now the challenge to act – as posed by the Report – is still a whisper spoken into the ears of a handful of faculty and students. The chaos that can come with a campus evolution has yet to hit the proverbial fan. There is a certain calm before the storm.

It is time to openly address Olivet's evolving ecology. In order to move from whispers, buzzwords and simple gossip about

legitimate, but it cannot be a leash that restrains the forward movement that heated dialogue can bring.

In this issue of *GlimmerGlass* and in possible issues to come, Forum is making space for discussion.

Several students have been sought out to express their views, their thoughts, their frustrations and their excitement over the concept of racial reconciliation at Olivet.

Situations unique to a particular campus, and complex problems relevant to a certain student body can define the social, cultural and spiritual landscape of colleges.

Numbers, numbers and even more numbers can be crunched, factored and computed to give quotes and statistics that supposedly

"A diversity initiative should not be solely cast as attempting to remove a problem. Valuing diversity requires students to recognize its benefits as well as its complexities."

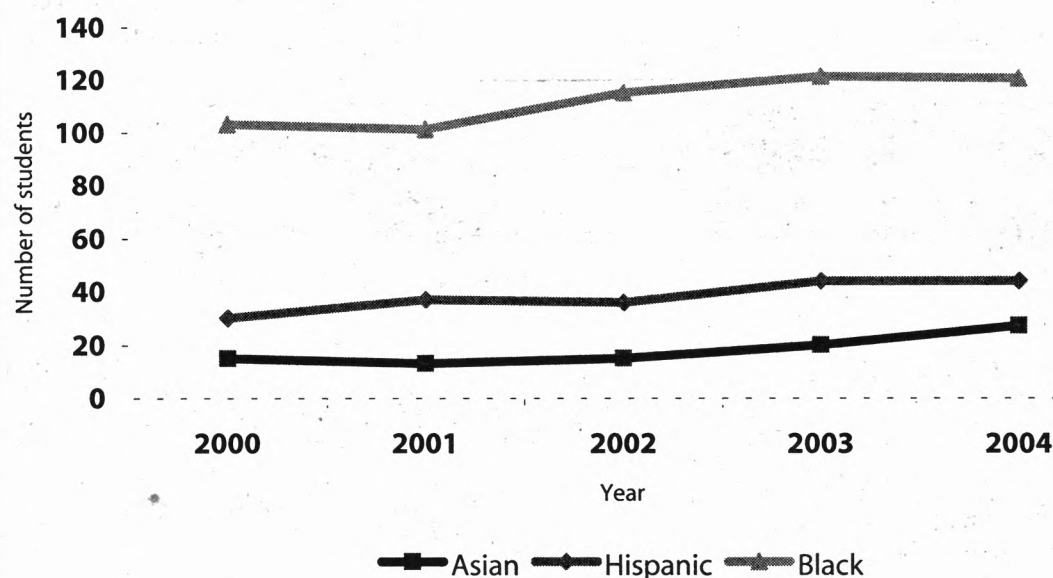
set apart one campus from another.

Better faculty-student ratios. More degrees offered. More bang for fewer bucks. Higher testing scores. And the favorite numbers to be touted by contemporary American universities: race and ethnic percentages. But what is being done about and with these numbers?

Numerically, Olivet is no different from other small, private liberal arts colleges with tuition starting at a good 20 grand. Look inside its doors though, and the ecology of Olivet becomes distinguished from other schools. It's what's happening amongst and in the numbers that is giving the needed impetus for an evolution.

As students, we would be fools to let the evolution take place without our noticing and without our caring.

Gauging our growth



Year	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White
2000	15	103	30	1510
2001	13	101	37	1618
2002	15	115	36	1752
2003	20	121	44	1863
2004	27	120	44	2030

The increase in the number of undergraduate minority students from 2000-2004 is related to the overall increase in the size of the student body. The contrast between the number of White students and Asian, Black and Hispanic students is stark. Although the actual number of minority students has increased from 2000-2004, the total percentage of minority students in the student body has decreased from 10.3 percent in 2000 to 9.9 percent in 2004. Do the numbers speak for themselves about Olivet's need for racial reconciliation, or can the quality of relationships amongst students surpass hard numbers?

correct fad and supposed problem that was vying for attention over a Christ-like focus.

Academically, students articulated the need for more incorporation of racial and ethnic issues in their

In the report, it was concluded that there was "a need for more exposures (campuswide) and for safe places (classrooms or smaller settings) to explore very complex issues... A diversity initiative should not be solely

racial reconciliation at Olivet, students, faculty and administration must embrace the inevitable tension and clash of perspectives that comes with such an intense topic. Fear of disagreements and confrontations is

The heart of the matter, not the color

When asked whether or not Olivet is in need of racial reconciliation, the following two students responded with answers addressing what they considered to be at the "the heart of the matter."

By **Emmanuel Jackson**

Forum writer

Racial Reconciliation:

What powerful words,

Yet no action is taken.

The force of being together is so often forsaken. You want change? Let's build off the basics. I really don't think this campus is too racist, But it will help to sit with different colored faces.

Too often, fear gets us tied like shoe laces; But open

words, not made up stories or fables;

We need to open up, look at our cafeteria tables:

Looks like a 1960s scene. Come on Olivet, let's live the Martin Luther King dream.

Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, we're all equal; To Love

with the agape love of Christ will help all

people.

When people of the opposite color walk past, say "Hi."

Don't hang your head and look down;

Put on a smile, fight hard not

show a frown.

Racial reconciliation is stability; we need to be more

stable.

We all need to learn respect

from others who are willing and able.

We want clean hands and pure hearts?

Well, God's love is pure so we need to do our part.

If our hearts are pure and we

want one

Olivet, This is more than financial: we need to erase our hateful debts.

The only way we can do this is only through Jesus, We have to follow the leader, and that's only Jesus.

Jesus talked, walked, prayed, and ministered to any race.

We have to follow him and get in our rightful place.

Seas will roar, the leaves will fall, and the wind will blow

Our students and faculty will come and go.

Let's take a stand; be bold like eagles when they soar.

We see racial tension – let's do our part; if you do, then do more.

We can't complain if we're doing the same;

One link can destroy a chain, but on the other hand, one link can strengthen a chain.

Do your part and it will make a big change;

Our minds need to be rearranged.

We need to listen to others needs: get to know their heart and not their color.

In the end it boils down to simply being sisters and brothers.

Let's pray for each other and let the Holy Spirit

Proceeding with racial reconciliation at Olivet

By **Simone Mulieri**

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According to research done by Overflow Ministries, Inc., the organization lead by Dr. Brenda Salter-McNeal, two years ago, the environment of Olivet was in need of a practical enhancement of ethnic diversity on campus. Today, after two years of effort, things have started to take a different direction. The importance of reconciling ethnic races cannot be neglected or mitigated. Nonetheless, it is clear that ethnic diversity has become a comprehensive, coordinated, concrete endeavor as a result

of the vision of a group of students, supported by faculty. Together, we have to see reconciliation through to fruition.

There is evidence everywhere that racial reconciliation has improved in the last couple of years.

"Together we have to see reconciliation through to fruition."

Currently, pictures, postcards, the student handbook, the Olivet webpage, and

brochures reflect the diversity of students on this campus. Albeit it's numerical minority, international students and African-Americans have increased in number and have been more involved in campus activities.

Several students have leadership positions and a great influence on this campus, unlike in past times. The Gospel Choir possesses a clear mixture of ethnicity; and Whites, Blacks, Hispanics, and others are coming together in ministry, leadership roles, and campus social activities. Americans date international students. Blacks have dinner

with Hispanics. Whites hang out with Blacks in the game room. Undoubtedly, the nature of interracial relationships has been transformed by the desire to seek equity during the last few years.

An awareness has been created. Change has been progressing. Now it is time to act and proceed with the information and knowledge we have. It is imperative that we associate with each other as the Bible commands us. But this does not mean that it is mandatory to have an interracial friend, since we, as humans, tend to connect with others who share similar interests,

views, and experiences. It is crucial that we continue to work hard to achieve an egalitarian atmosphere at Olivet, as idealistic as it may

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sound. However, we will never be able to get anywhere if we only "tolerate difference" and do not open our hearts for love to come out and for Christ's love to dwell in.